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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Harry A. Dugger, III

Application No.: 10/671,709

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For: BUCCAL, POLAR AND NON-POLAR
SPRAY CONTAINING DIAZEPAM

Examiner: M. Haghighatian

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND ELECTION OF SPECIES

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed February 2, 2006, Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-10, 22-28, 40-48, 57-63, 71-77 and 85-91 for continued examination. With respect to the species election requirement, Applicants hereby elect the following species: managing anxiety.

The Examiner has required restriction between Group I, claims 1-10, 22-28, 40-48, 57-63, 71-77 and 85-91, drawn to a propellant free composition; and Group II, claims 11-21, 29-40, 49-56, 64-70, 78-84 and 92-98, drawing to a composition containing propellant. In addition, according to the Office Action, "claims 57-98 are generic to a plurality of disclosed patentably distinct species comprising method of treating various disorders by using diazepam as the active agent."

Applicants expressly reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-election claims.

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Respectfully submitted,

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